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### **Officials Recommend Limiting Missouri River Activity near Borden Harbor Because of Wastewater Concerns**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) is recommending that recreational users limit their contact with waters near the Mandan wastewater treatment discharge site at Borden Harbor on the Missouri River. The city of Mandan notified the NDDoH of potential treatment problems at their wastewater treatment plant brought on by recent rains and petroleum compounds found in the wastewater sewer collection system. The contamination is affecting the ability of Mandan's wastewater treatment plant to fully treat wastewater before it is discharged into the Missouri River just south of the inlet to Borden Harbor.

Drinking water sources for both Mandan and Bismarck are located upstream of the discharge point, so there is no potential for contaminated drinking water in either system as a result of this incident. It is considered safe to draw water for lawns below the discharge point.

Wastewater test results show that the wastewater plant is functioning, but some concentrations of pollutants are exceeding permit limits. Since the treated wastewater exceeds permit limits, officials recommend limiting activity where the discharge occurs. Officials will notify the public once the water tests show the wastewater is testing within permit limits.

The city of Mandan is working with the NDDoH to restore the wastewater treatment plant to fully operational status.

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